



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*June 16, 2019  
The Most Holy Trinity*



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For both Churches

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

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**The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday**

## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass –6 p.m., September—March

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday

9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday

After Mass.

### St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass—6:30, September—March

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.

9:00 a.m.

## SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m.  
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

**Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office**

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## PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

Deacon Joe Hopgood

Paul Hoffman

Denise Robichaud

Ben Williams

Nancy Maloney

Margaret Mary Williams

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, June 15, 2019**

**4:00 - Paul Luddy — 35th Anniversary**

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

**8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John**

**10:30 - Chase Pierce — 2nd Anniversary**

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

**4:00 - Fay and McCarthy Families — Memorial**

**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

**8:00 - Parishioners of St. John**

**10:30 - Robert Levine — Memorial**

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, June 15, 2019**

**4:00 - Walter & Monica Herbert — Anniversary**

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

**8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann**

**10:30 - Richard Raphael McGrath — Memorial**

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

**4:00 - Gert O’Keefe — 1st Anniversary**

**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

**8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann**

**10:30 - Brian Spillane — Birthday Remembrance**

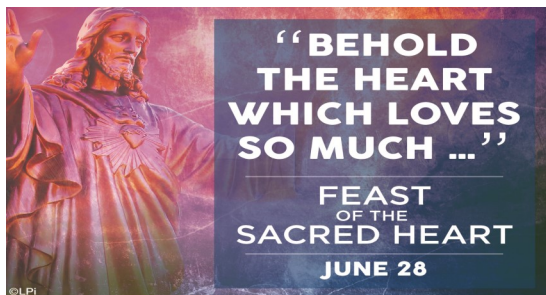
**Blessing of Fathers**

God and Father of all creation,  
we come before you today with humble hearts.  
You are our model of a loving father.  
When we fail and fall short of your expectations,  
you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,  
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day  
and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world  
as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with  
their children.  
Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.  
Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and  
perseverance.  
We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.



My Dear Friends in Christ,



Throughout history, the concept of the Trinity has been hard to explain and harder yet to understand; St. Patrick used the shamrock, St. Augustine used the triangle. In attempting to do so, these learned men attempted to do something seen by many as quite impossible: explain what is, in essence, a mystery. This daunting task shouldn’t cause us to abandon all attempts at understanding the Trinity, nor should it cause us to give up our belief in the Trinity. There are mysteries all around us that, while challenging, aren’t things on which we give up. Try as we might, we’ve never come up with a full understanding of the concept of “love”, yet that doesn’t keep us from entering into the mystery which lies therein.

Entering into a mystery can, in many cases, help us to live it out in our everyday lives. When one speaks of the Trinity, one is confronted with understanding how three “persons” can make up one God. The coexistence of the Trinity comes in the cooperative nature of the same. We may rely on one or the other “persons” in the Trinity given where we are in our journey of faith; this does not preclude the existence of those other persons. When one calls upon the power of the Holy Spirit, we aren’t abandoning the Father or the Son. When we receive Eucharist (understood in the Catholic-Christian tradition as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ), we don’t “set aside” our devotion or belief in the Father or the Holy Spirit. When one marvels at the beauty of the created universe (including the greatest creation of all, the human person), one does not remove the Son or the Spirit from the equation. The Trinity (as understood in our tradition) stands in our midst as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, unique in “persons” (again, a term used for *our* understanding) yet one in Being.

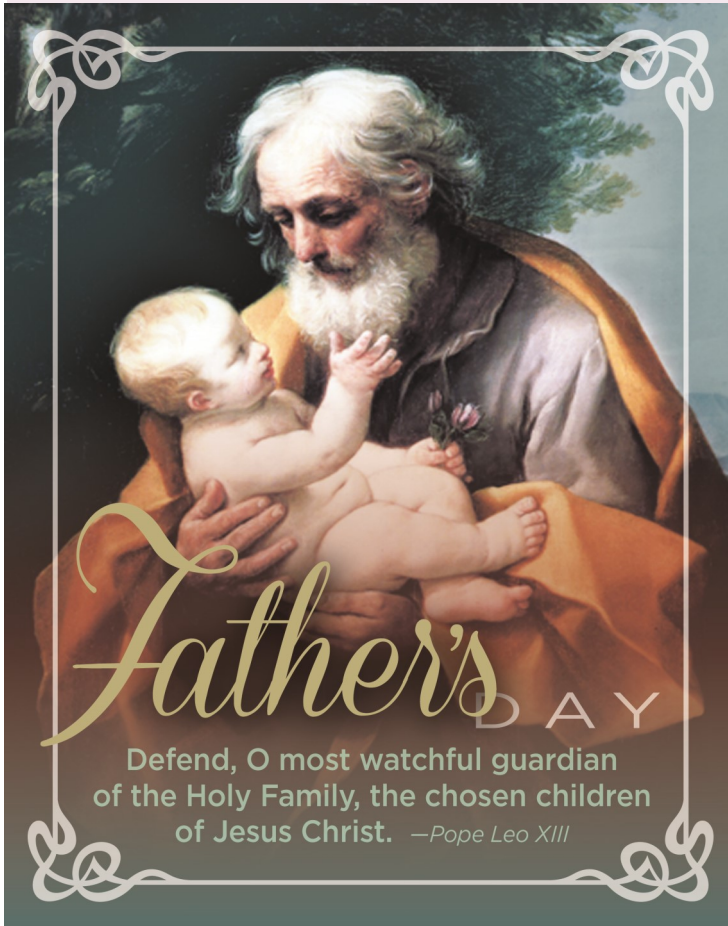
The Church on this day celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday). In doing so, it recognizes that in this important teaching of the Faith, we do not abandon such mysteries – we enter into them. We do so by prayer and study, coming through faith to a better understanding of who God is and, by association, who we are. The doctrine of the Trinity is something which may never fully be understood, perhaps not until we reach the Kingdom. At that time, we shall see “God as God is” in the fullness of God’s presence. In the Kingdom, all mysteries will be “solved”. Until that time let us engage ourselves in this holy “struggle”, asking that God the Father sustain us, God the Son walk with us and God the Holy Spirit enlighten us. May the Trinity be for us a source not of confusion, but great joy. In our celebration of Trinity Sunday may we call upon God: Father, Son and Spirit to bring us deeper into the mystery of the Godhead and in doing so move us to a greater love of God, the people of God, the world and, ultimately, the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection  
June 23, 2019 — Promoting the Gospel

| Financial Blessings    | St. Ann's | Budget   | St John's | Budget   |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS |           |          |           |          |
| OFFERTORY 6/2/19       | \$4,429   | \$3,680  | \$7,252   | \$5,625  |
| GRAND ANNUAL           | \$20,588  | \$32,000 | \$19,734  | \$32,000 |



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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The Most Holy Trinity

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. That oneness is mirrored for us in the Holy Trinity: one God in three Persons. We are a diverse community with different backgrounds, cultures, realities, and gifts, but we are truly one. Unfortunately, we too often forget this and function as a fractioned body. We needlessly compete against one another, judge one another as opposed to help, and sit silent when our brothers and sisters call out for help.

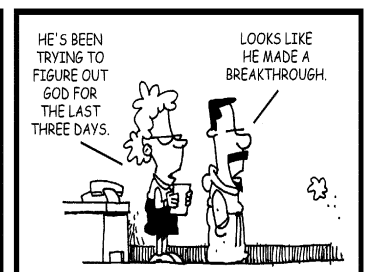
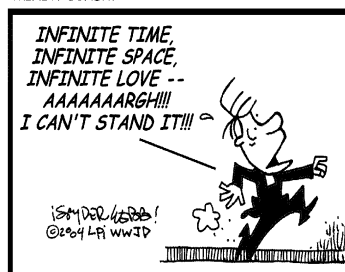
When we take seriously our stewardship way of life, we see our lives as not truly belonging to ourselves. We want to offer our very existence to God and the Body of Christ. If we find that we are resistant to that fullness of generosity, or we begin to use our gifts in a way that fractures community, we then actively work in contrast to this mark of the Church.

The Church that was established by Jesus and fortified by the institution of the sacraments cannot be destroyed and deprived of Her four marks. The human element may be strained and injured, but not even the gates of hell will prevail against this institution alive in the Spirit. Our actions can either bear witness to that reality or it can bring offense. Let us pray that enough of us will choose the holy way so all the world may see that God is real, Jesus is alive, and we are ONE.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



TRINITY SUNDAY



A father is a man who loves without cost to his children and tries to raise them to be fully human creatures with the abilities to make a difference in our world. Some fathers are successful, some are not. However, almost all try their best. This Father's Day, let your dad know that you appreciate all his efforts.

Strength--Your strength in helping me to tell right from wrong was a great gift.  
Honor--You taught me that to honor myself was a way to honor the God who made me.  
Faith--Thanks Dad for having faith in me, when I was not sure I had faith in myself.  
Love--You loved me even when I did not love myself. For that I am grateful.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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or [jchbaker@msn.com](mailto:jchbaker@msn.com)

New mailing address:  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday

Adoration — First Friday of the month following  
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at  
10:30 a.m.

### Summer Lunch Program 2019

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Ann's is working with other town social service organizations to provide extra food this summer for families with children on the free/reduced price lunch at school, or any family in need. We are asking parishioners to donate grocery cards from either Trucchi's or Market Basket to be distributed to families in need. Please place the grocery cards or money in an envelope marked Summer Lunch, in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the doors of the church. The cards will be distributed at the Parish Center on the following Mondays : June 24, July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you have a question, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535, [linda@santry.org](mailto:linda@santry.org)

Our Fr. Peter Francis, who is in residence at Saint Ann's and is a Chaplain at the VA Hospital in Brockton, is looking for volunteers who would be willing to help patients to and from their rooms to attend Mass on Sundays mornings.

If you are interested in helping, please call the  
Rectory.  
508-586-4880

## BIG THANK YOU TO

JENNIE MACKIEWICZ

For her dedication to the First Communicants and the  
Confirmandes each year in making Rosary Beads  
For each child.

Your gift of love is greatly appreciated



### St Ann Prayer Line:

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or [linda@santry.org](mailto:linda@santry.org). If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

### CONGRATULATIONS SAINT ANN PARISH ON MAKING YOUR GOAL FOR THE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you Christine Roberts for volunteering your  
services to St. Ann!

### Everyday Stewardship

I remember being in first grade and making my mother a coffee mug for Mother's Day at school. It was made of plastic, but I made a drawing on paper that would then be placed on the outside of the mug. I was so excited about making it because in it there was a little bit of myself. I didn't always believe my mother when she said that the best gifts I could give her were things I made myself, especially since even as a little kid I knew some of the things I created were not so wonderful. But this mug was different. It just seemed so cool and, of course, my mother loved it.

Now she is long gone from this world, but the mug still remains. It is mine now, resting on a high shelf in our kitchen cabinet. No one uses it, but I know it is there. It reminds me of her, but at the same time, it was always a part of me. I gave her a part of me, she cared for it and loved it, and then it was returned back to me. Now it is a part of me, and a part of her also.

We are each fearfully and wonderfully made by God, and like a child giving a part of himself to his mother in his creation, there is a little bit of the divine in all of us. We are made in God's image, and when he looks out at his creation, he knows us as his own. But you and I will not walk this earthly creation forever. For just like the mug that came back to me, we will return to our Creator. We will join with God in an eternal relationship where we are made perfect so that we may be in union with him forever. Rejoice, for he has created you as special, has found great delight in you, and you are his own.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES ARE IN!!!  
PICK THEM UP AT THE RECTORY  
BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM MON—THURS.**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Maureen Campbell, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Tom Walsh & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**CATHOLIC APPEAL**

I am pleased to share that St John Parish has raised \$23,195 toward our 2019 Catholic Appeal goal of \$25,721. Thank you to all who have helped make our campaign a success. If you have yet to give, we need your help! Please give today to help us reach goal by June 30th. Gifts can be made online at BostonCatholicAppeal.org or by completing a pledge envelope available at the Church exits. On behalf of Cardinal Seán O'Malley and all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your support.

*Religious Freedom*  
**WEEK**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER**

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

*Let us pray...*

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.  
You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear  
and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.  
Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom,  
and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.  
We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds,  
and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.  
We ask all this through Christ our Lord,  
who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.  
**Amen.**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Rosary after daily Masses.**  
**Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.**  
**Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)**  
**Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John's Conference  
PO Box 544  
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**June 16: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

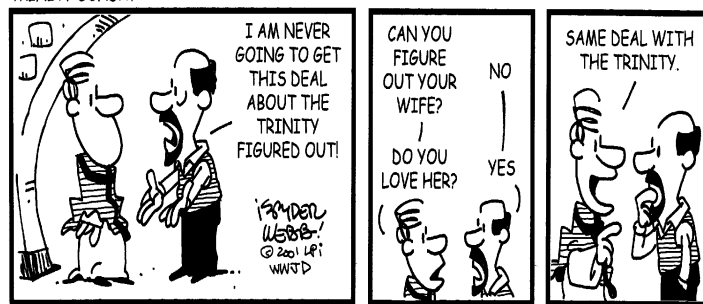
As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance?  
Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are suffering.**

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

TRINITY SUNDAY



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

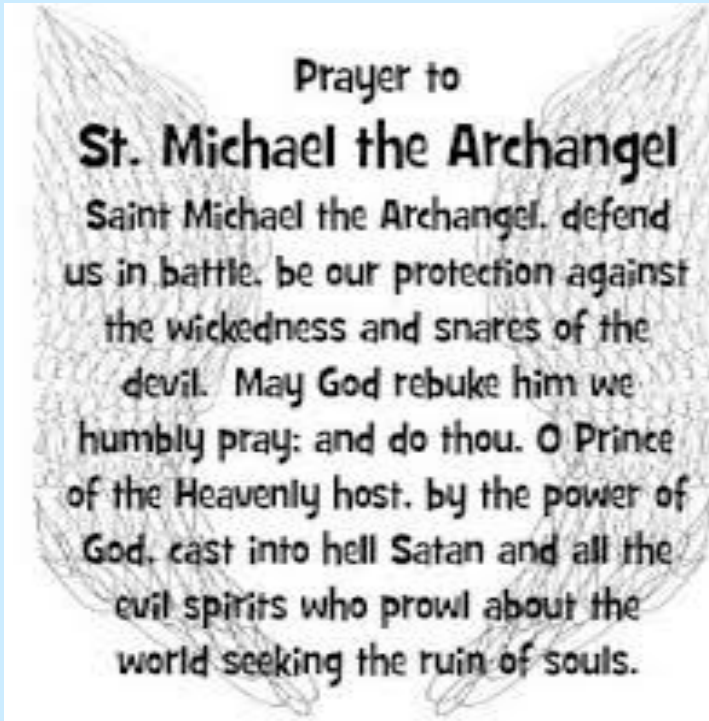
"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH.


For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

June 23, 2019 Next week's collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communication needs such as Catholic TV programming.

**About the Archdiocese of Boston:** The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org).



Please remember  
Saint Ann's and Saint John's  
When doing your  
Estate Planning!

A decorative black cross with intricate white scrollwork and floral patterns on its arms and center.

**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 103 Center St. Bridgewater, will host the second of the 2019 season's Candlelight Rosary Processions of Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 7:30 PM. The guest speaker for June 13 will be Rev. James Giombetti, Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Bridgewater. The processions, held on the 13th of the month from May through October, are in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. The service includes inspirational music, a Candlelight Rosary Procession led by a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Benediction. All are welcome to come to pray for peace in our trouble world and for our service men and women in the Armed Forces. Families are urged to attend. There is ample parking and the church is air conditioned and is handicapped Accessible.